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EPA Amends Drinking Water Order to DuPont

PHILADELPHIA (January 30, 2016) - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today announced an amendment to the 2009 Safe Drinking Water Act consent order between EPA and E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (DuPont). The amendment adds The Chemours Company (Chemours) to the 2009 order, and requires [SEQ CHAPTER \h \r 1]both DuPont and Chemours to take additional actions to reduce exposure of residents living near the Washington Works facility in Parkersburg, WV, to PFOA in their drinking water.

The amendment, which formalizes actions currently being taken, contains a new action level of .07 parts per billion (ppb) of PFOA which triggers the installation of drinking water treatment and/or the temporary provision of an alternate source of drinking water, by DuPont and Chemours.

This amendment to the 2009 Order, which had included a temporary action level of .40 ppb, is supported by site-specific data, as well as the Lifetime Health Advisory issued by EPA on May 19, 2016, that established .07 ppb, as the highest concentration of PFOA a person can safely consume over the course of a lifetime.

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